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| **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** | ) | |
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| **v.** | ) | **Government Request** |
| | ) | **for Leave until 14 February 2013** |
| **Manning, Bradley E.** | ) | **to Submit its Proposed** |
| **PFC, U.S. Army,** | ) | **Providence Inquiry** |
| **HHC, U.S. Army Garrison,** | ) | **Questions** |
| **Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall** | ) | |
| **Fort Myer, Virginia 22211** | ) | **5 February 2013** |

The United States respectfully requests leave of the Court until 14 February 2013 to submit its proposed providence inquiry questions. After the updated court calendar dated 9 January 2013, the defense had three weeks to prepare plea documents. *See* Appellate Exhibit 466. Together their filings totaled eighty pages in need of review – including a thirty-five page proposed providence inquiry and a thirty-four page fact-intensive providence statement by the accused. *See* Defense Notice of Plea and Forum, Guilty Plea Inquiry, Providence Statement, and Attachment to PFC Manning's Providence Statement submitted to the Court via electronic mail by Mr. David Coombs on 30 January 2013.

The United States requests additional time to process and respond to this information – especially considering there appears to be legal issues involved with the defense's proposal. This request will not necessitate a delay in the proceedings. A 14 February suspense date will still permit the Court eleven days to review the parties' submitted material in advance of the 39(a) session scheduled to begin 26 February 2013. There will be no prejudice to the defense.

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I certify that I served or caused to be served a true copy of the above on Mr. David Coombs, Civilian Defense Counsel, via electronic mail on 5 February 2013.

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